

to nurturing the artistic growth, capacity and development of artists and arts organizations based primarily in Harlem and the greater Harlem communities. With a membership of over 750 individual artists and arts organizations, HAA plays an essential role by helping to build the resources, network, and capacity of its richly diverse association. HAA also maintains strong partnerships with numerous arts organization and institutions throughout New York State, the region and the nation to maintain vital collaborative efforts to promote the arts in communities.

Harlem Arts Advocacy Week events will take place from Sunday, October 2, 2011 through Sunday, October 9, 2011 to highlight the importance of the artists, arts, and cultural institutions that have consistently contributed to the cultural and economic fabric and vitality of Harlem and beyond. This year's theme, "Harlem Arts & Culture: Resurgence and Renewal" will focus on the revitalization of selected Harlem cultural institutions during the challenges of the economic downturn and the shifting dynamics of Harlem.

On Monday October 3, 2011, at The Riverside Church Theatre, the HAA will present the first Humanitarian Award to legendary Actor, artist and international human rights activist Harry Belafonte to kick off its Fifth Annual Arts Advocacy Week. The Alliance will also pay special tribute to award winning Actress and civil rights pioneer Ruby Dee with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Throughout its 75-year history, The Riverside Church has been an influential stronghold of activism and political debate on the nation's religious and political landscapes. Thus, it is very symbolic and appropriate that the Alliance honor these two giants, Harry Belafonte and Ruby Dee within this great Cathedral. Danny Simmons, a visual artist, philanthropist, and former Chair of the New York State Council on the Arts will receive the Alliance's Arts Leadership Award.

The Harlem Arts Advocacy Week begins on Sunday October 2, where the New Heritage Theatre Group, Riverside Theatre and the City College of New York will present "Through the Night" a one-man play starring Obie, NAACP and Audelco award winner, Daniel Beaty.

On Monday October 3, the HARLEM Arts Alliance and Hue-Man Book Store & Café present Harlem Arts Advocacy Week's opening reception and panel discussion with noted black female playwrights entitled, "Black Women Playwrights: They Speak. Who Listens?" featuring Esther Armah, Radha Blank, Kirsten Greenidge and Kymberle Joseph.

On Tuesday October 4, the HARLEM Arts Alliance and the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce will hold their business membership meeting and present a discussion forum entitled "Public Art: Advancing Diverse Perspectives." The forum will feature a presentation on the design and development of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Circle with visual artist and landscape architect Algernon Miller followed by a panel discussion moderated by Curtis Archer, President of Harlem Community Development Corporation.

On Wednesday October 5, The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in collaboration with the HARLEM Arts Alliance will host "The Schomburg's Kick-Off to a Season on the Cutting Edge!" The evening will include guided tours of two exhibitions: "Malcolm X: A Search for Truth" and "Romare Bearden: The

Soul of Blackness/A Centennial Tribute," a book signing by Center Director, Dr. Khalil Muhammad along with a performance showcase of Harlem Arts and Cultural organizations.

On Thursday October 6, HARLEM Arts Alliance will host a panel discussion, "Basic Legal Issues in Managing Human Resources," presented by Lawyers Alliance for New York, at The Dwyer Cultural Center.

On Friday October 7, HARLEM Arts Alliance will host the opening reception for the Strivers Art Circuit Tour, a self-guided walking tour of Harlem Art Venues and Artist Studios. A reception will take place at The Strivers Garden Gallery. The New Heritage Theatre Group will also present a new play entitled "SAVIOUR?" by Esther Armah, directed by Passion and featuring Michael Green and Jimmy Aquino, at the Dwyer Cultural Center.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of our Harlem Arts Advocacy Week community sponsors, supporters and collaborators as we celebrate "Harlem Arts & Culture: Resurgence and Renewal" during the Fifth Annual Harlem Arts Advocacy Week 2011. Mr. Speaker, the HARLEM Arts Alliance under the tremendous leadership of Chairman Voza Rivers and Executive Director Michael Unthink has contributed daily to the survival and enhancement of Harlem's beloved cultural artist and arts organizations.

During these tough and economically challenging times, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting and celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the HARLEM Arts Alliance as they continue their advocacy for the arts on behalf of a very grateful nation.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the designation of October 22, 2011, as National Archaeology Day. Throughout the month of October, but particularly on the 22nd, archaeological societies across the country will celebrate the thousands of years of history that have been unlocked through artifacts and discoveries.

The American Institute of Archaeology (AIA), headquartered at Boston University and comprised of over 235,000 members, will lead 108 of its local societies in a host of public educational activities to demonstrate the value of archaeological pursuits. AIA will also join with the American Anthropological Association, Society for American Archaeology, Society for Historical Archaeology, and American Schools of Oriental Research in collaborative efforts to reach out to over 100 cities across the United States through online events.

America is rich with history, and many exciting artifacts have been discovered over the years that have helped to illuminate that history. However, archaeology is about so much more than one country. Every archeological discovery opens a door into the past that can reveal important details about how our ancestors lived and what the world around them looked like so many years ago. Archeology also shows us we are united with the global community through shared past and common

customs. It affords us a window into our development as a society and provides an opportunity for people of all ages to actively engage in learning about the history of their communities.

Archaeological contributions are key to encouraging greater appreciation of our shared history and cultural heritage. Congress should do all we can to support these efforts. I am proud to join with communities across the country in recognizing October 22nd as National Archaeology Day.

IN HONOR OF MRS. ANN FRANGOS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mrs. Ann Frangos, who is being inducted into the West Tech High School Hall of Fame by the West Tech Alumni Association.

Ann is the daughter of Greek immigrants Spiros and Helen Drapos. While attending West Tech High School, she was a busy and active student. She was captain of the Warriorettes, editor of the yearbook, member of the Gym Leaders, All City Chorus, A-Chorus, and French Club. Ann graduated from West Tech in 1968 as the class valedictorian. She attended Baldwin Wallace College and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. She went on to earn a Master of Science degree in mathematics while teaching high school mathematics in Parma Heights.

After finishing her graduate program at Cleveland State University in 1977, she began working at AT&T as an operations research analyst. Throughout her long career Ann has held a number of positions with AT&T in the finance, accounting operations, budgeting, long-range planning, and human resources departments. In 2007, Ann was named Executive Director. She is responsible for accounts receivable management for Global Business Services division, which consists of AT&T's largest international and domestic business customers.

In addition to her career, Ann is also an active member of the Greater Cleveland community. She serves on the Board of Directors of In Counsel with Women and is a board member and assistant treasurer of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society of Rocky River. Ann and her husband, Louis, currently live in Westlake.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mrs. Ann Frangos for being honored by West Tech Alumni Association and being named to the West Tech High School Hall of Fame.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, we're voting on a Continuing Resolution that will fund the government through November 18th and provide

disaster assistance to many who desperately need it.

While I strongly support providing immediate federal support to those affected by the recent natural disasters, I'm dismayed and disappointed that the GOP leadership would pay for it at the expense of the successful Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Loan Program.

The ATVM program, created and funded with bipartisan support and signed into law by President George W. Bush, has created or saved 41,000 jobs from California to Michigan to Kentucky. The program is on-track to create another 35,000 to 40,000 by year's end.

There is no question that this program has and can continue to help ensure that our nation has a robust domestic auto manufacturing industry to build the next generation of fuel efficient cars.

Cutting funding for this program is short-sighted and will hurt our nation's rise as a global leader in advance vehicle technology and strip away good-paying jobs that Americans are so in need of. The \$1.5 billion cut to the program will likely cost 10,000 jobs.

House Republicans are pitting two great needs against each other—the need to create jobs and the need to support those harmed by natural disasters. Unfortunately, we are harming our entire nation by putting these two important goals in conflict with one another.

It is for these reasons that I must urge my colleagues to vote against the GOP Fiscal Year 2012 Continuing Resolution.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,790,340,328,557.15.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,151,914,582,263.35 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CLEVELAND

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, a group of business, professional and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build good will and peace in the world.

Rotary International was founded in 1905 and today there are more than 34,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide with 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. Each chapter is dedicated to supporting education and job training, pro-

viding clean water, combating hunger, improving health and sanitation, and eradicating polio and other childhood diseases.

The Rotary Club of Cleveland was founded in 1910 and was the 18th chartered Rotary Club in the United States. The motto for Cleveland's Rotary Club is "Service Above Self." The Rotary Club of Cleveland has a number of ongoing programs and projects that aid communities in the Greater Cleveland area and abroad.

Internationally, the Rotary Club of Cleveland has been involved in humanitarian projects in Laos, Mexico, Pakistan, Uganda, Lithuania, Indonesia, India and Kenya. Additionally, every charter of Rotary International is involved in the PolioPlus program. PolioPlus focuses on global immunization in hopes of eradicating the world of polio.

The Rotary Club of Cleveland is dedicated to serving the Greater Cleveland area and has a number of programs designed to improve, support and recognize excellence within the community. Cleveland's Rotary Club has maintained the West 25th Street Rapid Station, which services Cleveland's West Market, for more than 35 years. For more than 40 years the Club has been awarding area police, fire and EMS heroes with the Medal of Valor. The Cleveland Rotary Club's largest impact programs are those dedicated to Greater Cleveland's youth. Their program, College Now!, has provided scholarship support for hundreds of students throughout the area. Other successful projects include Achievement Centers for Children, Thesmacher High School Recognition Day, Project YESS, and support of the Old Stone Education Center.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the Rotary Club of Cleveland as they celebrate 100 years of service to the Cleveland community.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEADINGAGE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor LeadingAge as it celebrates 50 years of advancing policies, practices and research that empower people to live fully as they age. Founded in 1961, and formerly known as the American Association of Homes and Services (AAHSA), LeadingAge currently comprises a vast network of 5,600 not-for-profit organizations dedicated to expanding the world of possibilities for aging.

LeadingAge members touch the lives of millions of individuals and families each day through a continuum of housing and community based services, including adult day services, home health, hospice, community services, senior housing, assisted living residences, continuing care retirement communities and nursing homes. With five decades of experience, over 40 state partners, as well as businesses, research partners, consumer organizations, foundations and a broad international network of aging service organizations, LeadingAge's mission and core values have taken on a global scope.

Furthermore, I would like to recognize the outgoing chair of LeadingAge and an out-

standing leader in the field of aging and long-term services, Mr. Winthrop Marshall. Under Mr. Marshall's leadership, LeadingAge completed the transition to its new moniker, and reinvigorated its mission to expand the possibilities for aging. "LeadingAge" truly reflects the organization's leadership position in aging and its members' commitment to championing quality and dignity for America's elders. Known for his decades-long advocacy for affordable senior housing, Mr. Marshall is committed to combining housing with supportive services that help seniors remain independent and in their communities. From leading the association's fight to pass the Affordable Care Act and CLASS Act, to the passage of the landmark Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act, Mr. Marshall's tenure as Chair has been marked by strength, solidarity and success.

Mr. Marshall has overseen LeadingAge member task forces on workforce, affordable housing, nursing home quality, home- and community-based services, and issues specific to rural members. Additionally, he spent nearly 30 years with an invaluable organization located in my district, Christian Church Homes of Northern California, which also celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Therefore, as we recognize LeadingAge's long legacy and its excellent leadership under Mr. Winthrop Marshall, we look forward to a bright future of affordable long-term services and support for our Nation's older adults. As LeadingAge forges ahead with its five main tenets of aging services: quality, transitions, talent, finance, and technology, I have every confidence that they will fulfill their commitment to ensure that all seniors have a place to call home.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations on this important milestone. Thank you, LeadingAge members, for all that you do. I wish you continued success in providing our older adults with vital services and opportunities as you advance leadership in aging through innovation.

HONORING MARK ALLEE

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 3, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the bravery and selfless action demonstrated by California Conservation Corps trail camp supervisor Mark Allee.

On the morning of June 29, 2011, Mark Allee, a California Conservation Corps trail camp supervisor, patrolled from the O'Shaughnessy Dam to the Wapama Falls Bridge along the Hetch Hetchy reservoir in order to assess the trail conditions after an unseasonal storm dumped over two inches of rain in 14 hours. Wapama Falls is arguably the most powerful waterfall in Yosemite National Park and flows almost year-round. During peak flows, it has been known to inundate the trail bridge crossing it.

On the day Mr. Allee arrived at the Wapama Falls Bridge, he saw nature's unbridled power in full display. Falling over 1,000 feet, the waterfall created a venturi effect which generated